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To The Honorable, The Chief Justice Of The Supreme
Court Of North Carolina.

Submitted herewith is the First Annual Report of
the Administrative Officer of the Courts. This Report,
prepared pursuant to G. S. 7A-343, relates to the
1966 calendar year.

J. Frank Huskins
Director

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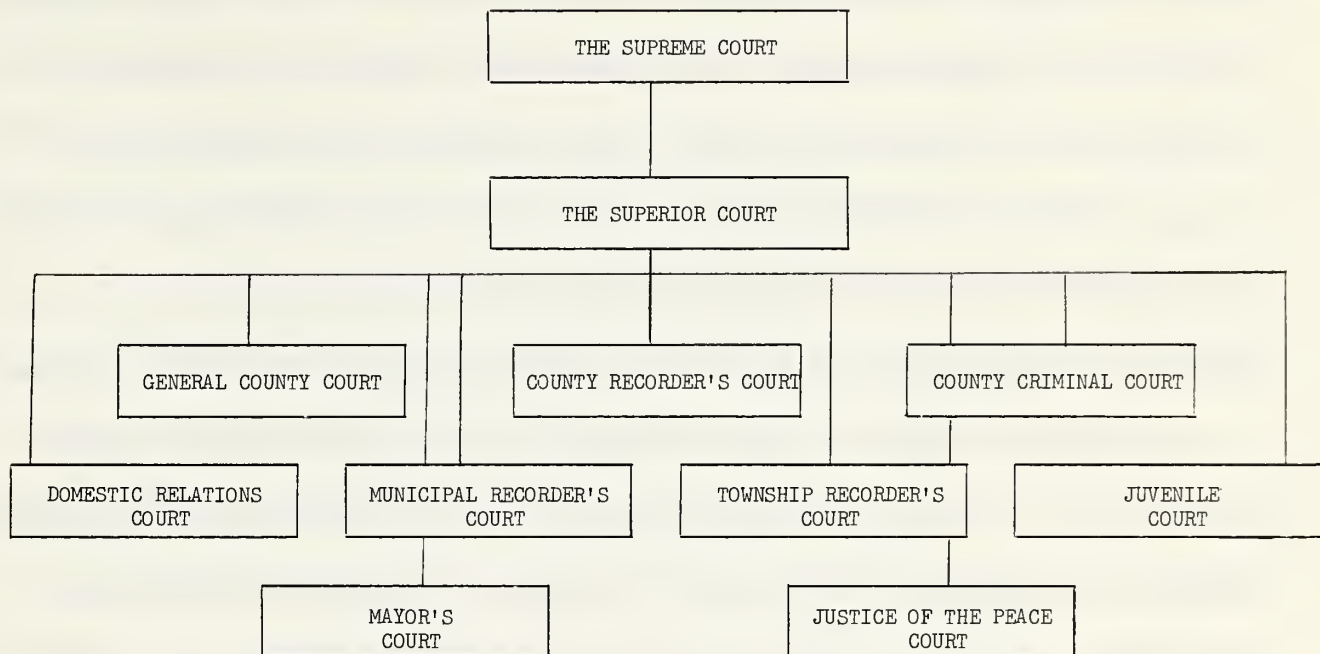
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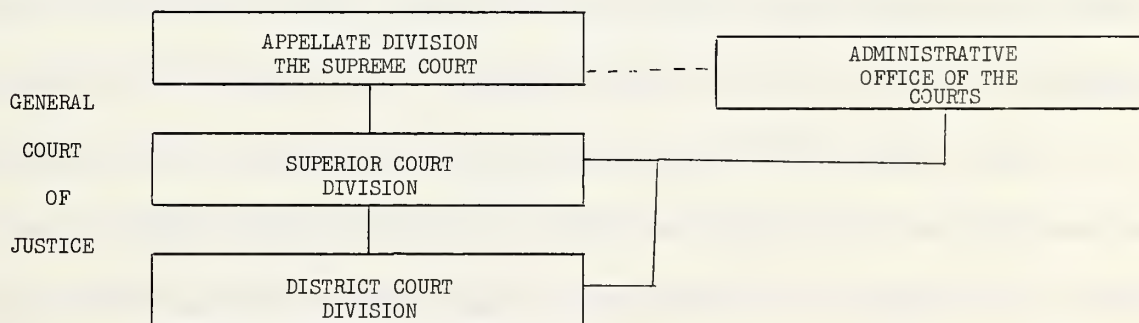
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STRUCTURE OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

I. Prior to the effective date of The Judicial Department Act of 1965:



II. Under The Judicial Department Act of 1965:



This structure is now in effect as to twenty-two counties. The District Court will be activated in sixty-one additional counties on December 2, 1968. On December 7, 1970, the new system will become implemented on a state-wide basis.

THE COURTS IN TRANSITION

Historically, we have had in North Carolina three levels of courts -- the Supreme Court, the Superior Court, and, at the local level, hundreds of recorder's courts, domestic relations courts, mayor's courts, county courts, and justice of the peace courts. All of these lower courts were creatures of the Legislature, hardly any two alike. They exercised such jurisdiction as was given them by statute. It was recognized more than twelve years ago that something should be done to bring uniformity to our court system; and, at the suggestion of Governor Hodges and Chief Justice Barnhill, the North Carolina Bar Association sponsored a study in depth which ultimately resulted in the submission of a Constitutional Amendment to the people of the State, which was voted upon and adopted by the people at the general election held November 6, 1962. Thus, Article IV of the Constitution of North Carolina now provides: "The judicial power of the State shall be vested in a . . . General Court of Justice. The General Court of Justice shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation and administration; and shall consist of an appellate division, a superior court division, and a district court division."

There was insufficient time between the passage of the Constitutional Amendment and the convening of the 1963 General Assembly to permit the preparation of legislation to implement the new judicial article. The General Assembly of 1963 provided for the appointment of a Courts Commission and charged it with the responsibility "to prepare and draft the legislation necessary for the full and complete implementation of Article IV of the Constitution of North Carolina".

The Courts Commission began its study soon after the adjournment of the 1963 General Assembly. Its work between sessions culminated in the passage of The Judicial Department Act of 1965, codified as Chapter 7A of the General Statutes. This Act implemented the constitutional structure of the courts, created an Administrative Office of the Courts, established the framework of the District Court Division within the General Court of Justice, and provided for activation of the District Court in three separate phases.

The Appellate Division is the present Supreme Court of North Carolina. We anticipate that it will be enlarged by the 1967 General Assembly to include an intermediate Court of Appeals, so as to relieve the burden occasioned by the volume of work at the appellate level.

The Superior Court Division consists of the Superior Courts of North Carolina. This division will remain essentially unchanged, allowing, of course for the addition of manpower as the State continues to grow and litigation continues to increase.

The District Court Division introduces the greatest change in our system. The 1965 Act provided for the establishment of a District Court on December 5, 1966, in six judicial districts, comprising twenty-two counties. In December, 1968, the District Court will be established in an additional sixty-one counties, and in December, 1970, in the remaining seventeen counties.

The District Court will have exclusive original jurisdiction of misdemeanors, and concurrent jurisdiction of civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$5,000 or less, and of domestic relations cases regardless of the amount in controversy. Jury trial is provided, upon demand, in civil cases.

Appeal therefrom to the Superior Court is on questions of law, only. No jury is authorized in criminal cases. Upon appeal, trial de novo will be had in Superior Court. District judges will be elected to four-year terms.

When the District Court is established in a judicial district, all courts inferior to the Superior Court are abolished, all cases pending in the abolished courts are transferred to the dockets of the District Court for trial, and all records of the abolished courts must be transferred to the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, who, under the law, is required to maintain a system of consolidated records for both the Superior Court and the District Court.

The Chief District Judge in each district has many administrative responsibilities, including the following: arranging schedules and assigning district judges for sessions of district courts; arranging or supervising the calendaring of matters for trial or hearing; supervising the clerk of court in the discharge of the clerical functions of the District Court; assigning matters to magistrates, and prescribing times and places at which magistrates shall be available for the performance of their duties; making arrangements with proper authorities for the drawing of civil court jury panels and determining which sessions of the District Court shall be jury sessions; arranging for the reporting of civil cases by court reporters or other authorized means; arranging sessions, to the extent practicable, for the trial of specialized cases, including traffic, domestic relations, and other types of cases, and assigning district judges to preside over these sessions so as to permit maximum practicable specialization by individual judges; promulgating a schedule of traffic offenses for which magistrates and clerks of court may accept written appearances,

waivers of trial, and pleas of guilty, and establishing a schedule of fines therefor; assigning magistrates, in an emergency, to temporary duty outside the county of their residence, but within the district; and designating another district judge of his district as acting Chief District Judge. The foregoing itemization clearly demonstrates that the Chief District Judge will be a very busy person. He will be expected to hold his reasonable share of courts while attending to all the administrative duties.

As noted above, the office of justice of the peace will be abolished. The old days of the "fee system" are gone forever. While it is obviously true that over the years we have had many fine justices of the peace, it is nevertheless well known that the system was abused by many who did not have sufficient regard for the fact that they were judicial officers of this State. The people have decreed that magistrates shall hereafter act in minor civil and criminal matters only. The law prescribes the number of magistrates for each county, requires that they be paid a salary by the State, and gives the Chief District Judge general supervisory authority over them. They are appointed by the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of each judicial district, upon recommendation by the Clerk of Superior Court. They serve for a term of two years, and their salary is set by the Administrative Office of the Courts, within the salary range authorized by statute.

The people of this State, when they amended the Constitution in 1962, directed the General Assembly to provide for an Administrative Office of the Courts to carry out the provisions of the Constitutional Amendment. That was done by the General Assembly of 1965. The primary duties of the Director of

that office, as set forth in G. S. 7A-343, are as follows: collect and compile statistical data and other information on the judicial and financial operation of the courts and on the operation of other offices directly related to and serving the courts; determine the state of the dockets and evaluate the practices and procedures of the courts, and make recommendations concerning the number of judges, solicitors, prosecutors and magistrates required for the efficient administration of justice; prescribe uniform administrative and business methods, systems, forms and records to be used in the offices of the clerks of court; prepare and submit budget estimates of State appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation of The Judicial Department, and authorize expenditures from funds appropriated for these purposes; investigate, make recommendations concerning, and assist in the securing of adequate physical accommodations for the General Court of Justice; procure, distribute, exchange, transfer, and assign such equipment, books, forms and supplies as are to be acquired with State funds for the General Court of Justice; make recommendations for the improvement of the operations of The Judicial Department; prepare and submit an annual report on the work of The Judicial Department to the Chief Justice, and transmit a copy to each member of the General Assembly; assist the Chief Justice in performing his duties relating to the transfer of district court judges for temporary or specialized duty; and perform such additional duties and exercise such additional powers as may be prescribed by statute or assigned by the Chief Justice.

Numerous additional special functions are found in applicable sections of The Judicial Department Act of 1965, as follows: assist the Chief Justice in scheduling courts and assigning judges; approve designation of attorney to assist

solicitor of Superior Court and authorize length of time of service; provide mechanical recording devices for Superior Court trials, if reporter unavailable, and determine salary limits of court reporters; determine the numbers and salaries of assistant clerks, deputy clerks, and other employees of clerks' office; with Department of Administration and subject to approval of State Auditor, establish procedures for receipt, deposit, protection, investment, and disbursement of funds; fix amount of clerks' bond and determine adequacy; prescribe and procure bonds for assistant and deputy clerks and other employees; concur with Chief District Judge in determining adequacy of facilities for additional seats of district court; in conjunction with Chief District Judge, determine whether special counselor services should be made available to the District Court in counties of 100,000 population or more and determine number and salaries; determine additional compensation and allowances paid to holdover district court judges; designate specialized judgeships; approve designation of attorneys to assist prosecutor of the District Court and authorize length of service; prescribe salaries to be paid to magistrates and approve establishment of additional magistrateships within maximum authorized by the General Assembly and set salaries; determine amount of magistrates' bonds and procure such bonds; prescribe records to be maintained by magistrates; supervise establishment and maintenance of office of consolidated records in each clerk of court's office and prescribe form and style of records; provide mechanical recorders for district courts and determine salary range for district court reporters; establish alternative procedures for prompt payment of jurors, witnesses, and "other small expense items"; approve provision of physical facilities by a municipality; approve

amount of surplus from "facilities fees" to be used for retirement of outstanding indebtedness or to supplement operation of the General Court of Justice.

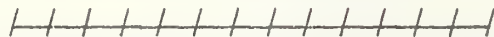
Under our former system, the expenses of operating the courts of this State have been paid from 101 different sources. Under the new system, essentially all the expenses of the courts will be paid by the State. The 100 counties, numerous municipalities, and the State have been spending an estimated \$20,000,000 per year to operate the courts. Under the new system, this figure should remain essentially the same, except as additional costs may be occasioned by an expanding economy and a corresponding increase in litigation.

After the establishment of the Administrative Office on July 1, 1965, the Director proceeded to organize the office and began plans for activation of the District Court in twenty-two counties on December 5, 1966. Three divisions were established in the Administrative Office -- accounting and budget, personnel, and clerks' supervisor. Division heads were employed, and the recruiting of a sufficient staff to serve during the first phase of the District Court implementation began. The budget request for the 1967-69 biennium was prepared and presented. The operating budget for the remainder of the 1965-67 biennium was worked out from the initial lump sum appropriation. Following the election of the District Court judges, the Chief Justice designated the Chief District Judges. The Superior Court Judges selected and appointed District Court prosecutors, magistrates, and court reporters. A special committee of the Association of Clerks of Superior Court was appointed to assist the office in the preparation of uniform forms and practices for the clerks' offices. This project has progressed satisfactorily, but will require several years for completion. Uniform accounting

and auditing practices for The Judicial Department were established. Inventories and determinations of needs for forms, equipment and supplies in the various clerks' offices were made. A study was conducted as to the adequacy of court facilities at the additional seats of court within the various counties. Construction and renovation was suggested in some localities, and this work was instituted. Seminars were planned and held for the purpose of training the new judicial and other court personnel. A program of instruction designed to train an adequate supply of court reporters was instituted in the community college system. A study of mechanical recording equipment was made in order that this equipment might be made available in the event a sufficient number of court reporters were not available. A classification and pay plan for Judicial Department employees was prepared. Position authorizations were made for assistant and deputy clerks and other employees of the clerks' offices. The numbers and salaries of magistrates were prescribed. Bond requirements were studied, and bonds were procured for the necessary officers and employees. Numerous administrative and legal memoranda were prepared and distributed for guidance of the personnel affected. Statistical reporting forms were devised, printed and distributed. Finally, in these plans and organizational problems, constant coordination was maintained with the Chief Justice, the Courts Commission, the State Department of Administration, and local officials.

The Administrative Officer has attended and participated in the meetings of the Courts Commission. His recommendations for improvements in the law and in the operations of The Judicial Department are embodied in the recommendations which will be made by the Courts Commission to the 1967 General Assembly.

By 1970 North Carolina should have a unified system of courts -- The General Court of Justice -- housed in appropriate facilities at all levels and conducted in a proper atmosphere so as to afford, in truth as well as in theory, equal justice under law for every man. The resulting improvement in the administration of justice is obvious and should be a source of pride to all those who have participated in the effort. We need the help, the cooperation, and the understanding of the judicial officers and employees and, indeed, of all citizens of the State in this endeavor.



Since the District Court has been in session only six weeks as of the time of preparation of this Report, there has been insufficient time for the preparation of meaningful data on the new system. In view of the activation dates of the District Court -- i. e. , December of the respective years -- reports will henceforth be based on the calendar year. Table "F" shows the number of cases accumulated on the District Court dockets, by transfer and by new filings, between December 5 and December 31, 1966. The remaining data and analysis constitutes a continuation of the fiscal-year-based reports formerly made by the Administrative Assistant.

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Chief Justice:
R. HUNT PARKER.

Associate Justices:

William H. Bobbitt,
Carlisle W. Higgins,
Susie Sharp,

I. Beverly Lake,
J. Will Pless, Jr.,
Joseph Branch.

Emergency Justices:
William B. Rodman, Jr.,
Emery B. Denny.

The Supreme Court considered 685 cases during the 1965-66 court year. Opinions were written in 465 cases. There were 220 petitions and motions presented and disposed of.

SUPREME COURT

Cases Decided by Written Opinions
1956 - 1966

	<u>Full Opinions</u>	<u>Per Curiam</u>	<u>Total</u>
1956 - 57	264	94	358
1957 - 58	253	74	327
1958 - 59	257	58	315
1959 - 60	277	81	358
1960 - 61	270	77	347
1961 - 62	262	81	343
1962 - 63	287	92	379
1963 - 64	277	142	419
1964 - 65	304	169	473
1965 - 66	287	178	465

Of the opinions written during the year, 307 were in civil cases, and 158 were in criminal cases. Criminal appeals increased 151% over the 1963-64 court year. Corrective action was taken in 181 cases.

NORTH CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION

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Senator Lindsay C. Warren, Jr. - Chairman
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Senator Ruffin Bailey
Raleigh, North Carolina

Representative David M. Britt
Fairmont, North Carolina

Senator J. J. Harrington
Lewiston, North Carolina

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Fayetteville, North Carolina

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Asheville, North Carolina

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Charlotte, North Carolina

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Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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Lexington, North Carolina

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Wadesboro, North Carolina

Mr. Lacy Thornburg
Sylva, North Carolina

Representative Earl W. Vaughn
Draper, North Carolina

Mr. A. A. Zollicoffer, Jr.
Henderson, North Carolina

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Chairman

James C. Farthing, Resident Judge of the 25th Judicial District,
Lenoir

Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Resident Judge of the 16th Judicial District
Lumberton

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Bryan Grimes, Past President, N. C. State Bar, Washington

Bonner D. Sawyer, Past President, N. C. State Bar, Hillsboro

Dan K. Edwards, Solicitor, 10th Solicitorial District, Durham

James Newsom, Attorney, Durham

Frank H. Watson, Attorney, Spruce Pine

CONFERENCE OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

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President Elect, Judge Walter E. Crissman, High Point

Vice President, Hamilton H. Hobgood, Louisburg

Secretary, Judge Eugene Shaw, Greensboro

Additional Executive Committee Members:

Judge Hugh B. Campbell, Charlotte

Judge Rudolph I. Mintz, Wilmington

A map of North Carolina divided into 100 counties, each labeled with a number from 1 to 100. The counties are arranged in a grid-like pattern, with some irregularities due to the state's coastline. The numbers are as follows:

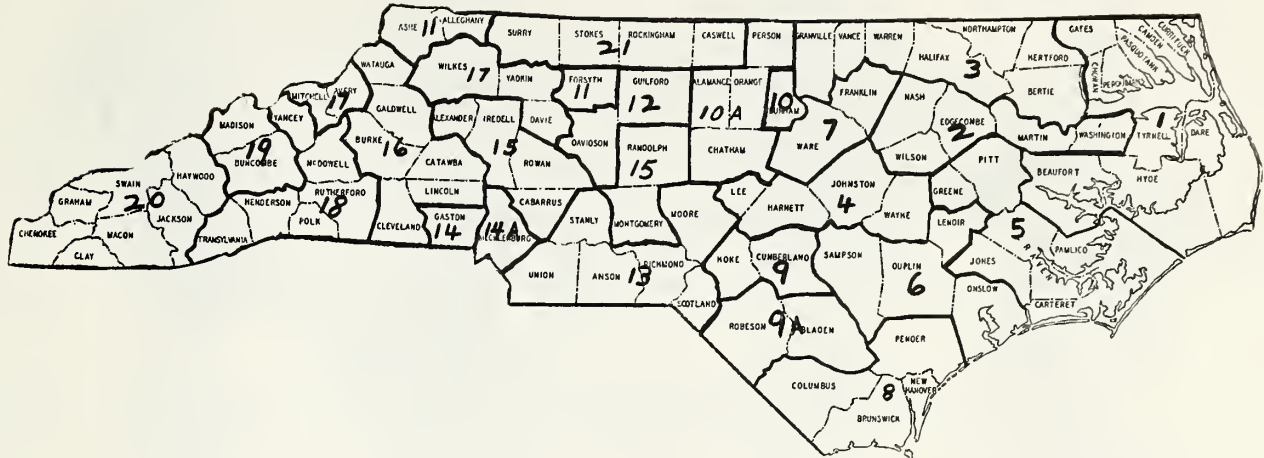
- 1: Dare
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- 3: Currituck
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- 5: Currituck
- 6: Hertford
- 7: Jones
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BY DISTRICTS

- SPECIAL JUDGES

EMERGENCY JUDGES

NORTH CAROLINA SOLICITORIAL DISTRICTS

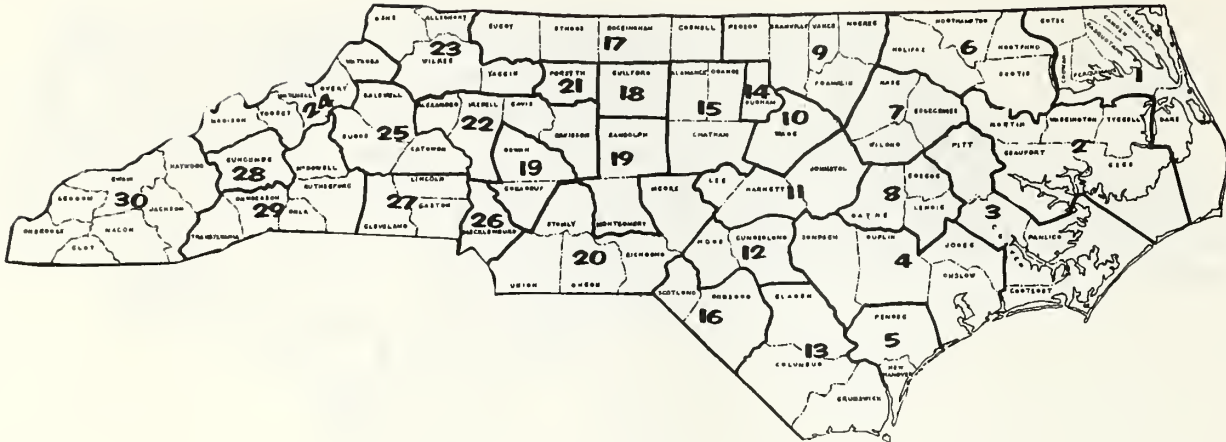


SOLICITORS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

BY SOLICITORIAL DISTRICTS

1. Herbert Small	Elizabeth City	11. Thomas W. Moore, Jr.	Winston-Salem
2. Roy R. Holdford, Jr.	Wilson	12. Charles T. Kivett	Greensboro
3. W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr.	Woodland	13. M. G. Boyette	Carthage
4. Archie Taylor	Lillington	14. Henry M. Whitesides	Gastonia
5. Luther Hamilton, Jr.	Morehead City	14A. Elliott M. Schwartz	Charlotte
6. Walter T. Britt	Clinton	15. Zeb A. Morris	Concord
7. William G. Ransdell, Jr.	Raleigh	16. W. Hampton Childs, Jr.	Lincolnton
8. James C. Bowman	Southport	17. J. Allie Hayes	N. Wilkesboro
9. Doran J. Berry	Fayetteville	18. Leonard Lowe	Caroleen
9A. John B. Regan	St. Pauls	19. Clyde M. Roberts	Marshall
10. Dan K. Edwards	Durham	20. Marcellus Buchanan, III	Sylva
10A. Thomas D. Cooper, Jr.	Burlington	21. Charles M. Neaves	Elkin

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL DISTRICTS



DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS BY DISTRICTS

JUDGES

*1. Fentress Horner	Elizabeth City
1. William S. Privott	Edenton
*12. Coy E. Brewer	Fayetteville
12. Derb S. Carter	Fayetteville
12. Joseph E. Dupree	Raeford
12. Darius B. Herring, Jr.	Fayetteville
14. Thomas H. Lee	Durham
*14. E. Lawson Moore	Durham
14. Samuel O. Riley	Durham
16. Samuel E. Britt	Lumberton
*16. Robert F. Floyd	Fairmont
16. John S. Gardner	Lumberton
25. Joe H. Evans	Hickory
25. Keith S. Snyder	Lenoir
*25. Mary G. Whitener	Hickory

*Chief District Court Judges

*30. F. E. Alley, Jr.	Waynesville
30. Robert J. Leatherwood, III	Bryson City

PROSECUTORS

1. W.F. Walker, Jr.	Currituck
12. George Z. Stuhl	Fayetteville
14. J. M. Read, Jr.	Durham
16. Charles G. McLean	Lumberton
25. J. C. Rudisill, Jr.	Newton
30. J. Charles McDarris	Waynesville

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CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CLERK OF COURT</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CLERK OF COURT</u>
Alamance	D. M. McLelland	Johnston	James C. Woodard
Alexander	Atwell B. Bumgarner	Jones	Walter P. Henderson
Alleghany	Glenn Busic	Lee	Sion H. Kelly
Anson	H. C. Tucker	Lenoir	J. S. Davis
Ashe	D. L. Francis	Lincoln	M. L. Huggins
Avery	D. B. Eller	Macon	A. W. Perry
Beaufort	Bessie J. Cherry	Madison	C. N. Willis
Bertie	Robert E. Williford	Martin	L. B. Wynne
Bladen	C. C. Campbell	McDowell	Robert Jarrett, Sr.
Brunswick	J. E. Brown	Mecklenburg	J. E. Stukes
Buncombe	R. C. Ratcliff	Mitchell	Guy Snyder
Burke	T. G. Bumgarner	Montgomery	C. M. Johnson
Cabarrus	W. D. Ratchford, Jr.	Moore	C. M. McLeod
Caldwell	Mary H. Thompson	Nash	Ben H. Neville
Camden	Caroline G. Halstead	New Hanover	James G. McKeithan
Carteret	A. H. James	Northampton	R. J. White, Jr.
Caswell	G. M. Harris	Onslow	Everitte Barbee
Catawba	Eunice Mauney	Orange	Frank S. Frederick
Chatham	J. W. Drake	Pamlico	Sadie W. Edwards
Cherokee	D. W. Ramsey	Pasquotank	Naomi A. Chesson
Chowan	Lena M. Leary	Pender	Frances N. Futch
Clay	Ralph A. Allison	Perquimans	W. J. Ward
Cleveland	Paul Wilson	Person	G. R. Perkins
Columbus	L. J. Greer	Pitt	D. T. House, Jr.
Craven	Dorothy P. Pate	Polk	R. S. McFarland
Cumberland	Marion B. Person	Randolph	John H. Skeen
Currituck	R. E. Saunders	Richmond	T. L. Covington
Dare	C. S. Meekins	Robeson	Ben G. Floyd
Davidson	E. R. Everhart	Rockingham	J. Hoyte Stultz, Jr.
Davie	Glenn L. Hammer	Rowan	Frank M. Montgomery
Duplin	R. V. Wells	Rutherford	Edgar W. Tanner
Durham	Alton Knight	Sampson	Charles A. Britt
Edgecombe	Don Gilliam, Jr.	Scotland	James D. Nance
Forsyth	W. E. Church	Stanly	Joe H. Lowder
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott	Stokes	Robert Miller
Gaston	George C. Holland	Surry	Martha O. Comer
Gates	Curtis V. Powell	Swain	H. H. Sandlin
Graham	O. W. Hooper, Jr.	Transylvania	R. H. Caldwell
Granville	Mary C. Nelms	Tyrrell	Melvin Pledger
Greene	S. T. Barrow	Union	Ethel M. Gordon
Guilford	J. P. Shore	Vance	H. W. Hight
Halifax	Jacob C. Taylor	Wake	J. R. Nipper
Harnett	Elizabeth F. Matthews	Warren	Lanie M. Hayes
Haywood	J. B. Siler	Washington	Louise S. Allen
Henderson	J. Seldon Osteen	Watauga	Orville H. Foster
Hertford	A. W. Greene	Wayne	Shelton Jordan
Hoke	E. E. Smith	Wilkes	Wayne Yates
Hyde	Walter A. Credle	Wilson	C. C. Lamm
Iredell	C. G. Smith	Yadkin	Lon H. West, Sr.
Jackson	Margaret W. Henson	Yancey	Fred Proffitt

ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

President	Frances F. Ruffy, Rowan County
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2nd Vice President	J. B. Siler, Haywood County
Treasurer	Zeb Weaver, Buncombe County
Secretary	Institute of Government
Assistant Secretary	Lena M. Leary, Chowan County

THE SUPERIOR COURT

There were 61,577 cases filed in the Superior Court during the 1965-66 fiscal year. This is an increase of 3.7% over the previous year. Dispositions increased 4.5% over the previous year. The average number of cases disposed of per judge, was 1322.

TOTAL CASES ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1966

AAAAA
Added

DDDDDD
Disposed of

7/1/63-6/30/64: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA 58,135
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7/1/64-6/30/65: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA          59,397  
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7/1/65-6/30/66:	<u>AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA</u>	61,577
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Cases

Although dispositions continued to increase, they were exceeded by the flow of new cases. The pending caseload increased 5% during the year.

TOTAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1964 - July 1, 1966

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Cases

The court schedule was increased by 405 days. There was an increase of 307 days in the amount of court utilized.

UTILIZATION OF SCHEDULED COURT

July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1966

	<u>DAYS SCHEDULED</u>	<u>DAYS HELD</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
7/1/63 - 6/30/64	8513	7158 $\frac{1}{2}$	84.
7/1/64 - 6/30/65	8724	7155	82.
7/1/65 - 6/30/66	9129	7462 $\frac{1}{4}$	81.7%

CIVIL DOCKETS

Most of the growth in the dockets occurred on the civil side. There was a substantial increase of 12% in civil filings. There was an even greater increase in dispositions. This figure increased 18.5 over the previous year and 36% over the 63-64 court year.

CIVIL CASES ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1966

	<u>AAAAAA</u> Added	<u>DDDDDD</u> Disposed of	
7/1/63 - 6/30/64:	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA DDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDD		23,675 20,998
7/1/64 - 6/30/65:	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA DDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDD		26,699 24,089
7/1/65 - 6/30/66:	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA DDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDD		29,944 28,557
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		Cases	

The volume of incoming cases was slightly in excess of outgoing cases. The pending civil caseload grew 3.6% during the year.

CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1964 - July 1, 1966

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Category	Number of Cases
X	16,000
Y	8,000
Z	8,000

Another county joined the group which has in excess of 500 civil cases pending.

DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties	21	21	13	25	15

Approximately half of the civil business transacted in the Superior Court occurred in ten counties. In these ten, 51% of the total civil filings for the year and 54% of the civil dispositions were recorded. Of the civil cases pending July 1, 1966, 45% were in these ten counties.

CONCENTRATIONS OF CIVIL CASES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES

	<u>PENDING 7/1/65</u>	<u>ADDED</u>	<u>DISPOSED OF</u>	<u>PENDING 6/30/66</u>	<u>UTILIZATION OF COURT</u>
Wake	2027	2010	2157	1880	90.%
Cumberland	1431	2043	2306	1168	71.%
Guilford	1477	1591	1421	1647	73.%
Durham	853	563	584	832	82.%
Forsyth	866	1735	1776	825	89.%
Columbus	727	556	397	886	85.%
Mecklenburg	2668	4486	4506	2648	84.%
Wayne	755	334	388	701	84.%
Gaston	939	1259	1251	947	83.%
Davidson	645	727	564	808	96.%

There was no substantial change in the currency of the civil dockets. There was a shift of .7% from the one year old to the two year old group.

AGES OF PENDING CIVIL CASES

June 30, 1966

	<u>UNDER 6 MONTHS</u>	<u>6 to 12 MONTHS</u>	<u>1 to 2 YEARS</u>	<u>OVER 2 YEARS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
No. of Cases	8564	5396	5645	7555	27,160
Per Cent of Total	31.5	19.8	20.7	28	100%

Of the cases pending more than two years, 5984 were reported as inactive. When only the active cases are considered, only 7.4% are over two years old.

CRIMINAL DOCKETS

For the second successive year there was a reduction in the number of criminal cases filed. New cases decreased 3.25% under the previous year.

CRIMINAL CASES ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1966

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Added

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Disposed of

7/1/63-6/30/64: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA 34,460
DDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDD 33,338

7/1/64-6/30/65: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA 32,698
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7/1/65-6/30/66: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA 31,633
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Cases

Dispositions were down 5.8 under the 1964-65 year. The number of cases pending July 1, 1966 was 8.6% above the July 1, 1965 number.

CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1964 - July 1, 1966

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0				2,000				4,000				6,000				8,000			
												Cases							

DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES
AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties	38	35	12	7	3

There were ten counties having more than 200 criminal cases pending at the end of the year. Nine of these counties are on the list which have the largest accumulations of civil cases. The transaction of criminal business in these nine counties during the year was as follows:

	<u>CASES FILED</u>	<u>CASES DISPOSED OF</u>	<u>CASES PENDING</u> <u>6/30/66</u>
Cumberland	1139	1021	347
Forsyth	1578	1496	428
Durham	1433	1438	398
Mecklenburg	2489	2726	400
Wake	1062	1197	581
Guilford	1872	1809	660
Gaston	1013	782	408
Davidson	506	440	336
Buncombe	1140	930	574

This group of counties accounted for 39% of the criminal cases filed in the Superior Court during the year, 38% of the dispositions, and 42% of the cases pending at the end of the year.

In the limited number of counties where the accumulation of criminal cases is such that some delay in trial may be encountered, the problem lies in the shortage of courtroom facilities and prosecuting officers. As to civil cases the problem is different. In many jurisdictions it is the practice to assign to the court the responsibility of moving forward with a case once it is filed. In this State the general practice is to allow voluntary calendaring of cases by counsel. Under this practice, delay must be measured from time of readiness rather than from time of filing. When it is so measured, there is no reported serious delay in this State. Even in what might be referred to as our metropolitan districts where a lengthy waiting period would be expected, cases are usually reached for trial within six to twelve months of the filing date. This is remarkable in view of the small number of Judges serving the Superior Court.

The Council of State Governments published a study entitled "State Court Systems," revised in July, 1966. The numbers of judges serving the trial courts of general jurisdiction of the respective states appearing in the following table were taken from that study.

<u>STATE</u>	<u>POPULATION</u> (1960)	<u>NUMBER OF JUDGES</u>
Alabama	3,266,740	76
Colorado	1,753,947	69
Florida	4,951,560	119
Georgia	3,943,116	52
Indiana	4,662,498	129
Iowa	2,757,537	75
Kansas	2,178,611	57
Kentucky	3,038,156	68

Louisiana	3,257,022	81
Minnesota	3,431,864	65
Missouri	4,319,813	93
North Carolina	4,556,155	43
Oregon	1,768,687	53
Tennessee	3,567,089	79
Virginia	3,966,949	79
Washington	2,853,214	76

The average number of Judges in the 15 other States listed, all but two of which have populations less than that of North Carolina, is 78. The average number for the entire 50 States is 70.2.

DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES

IN THE INFERIOR COURTS*

	<u>CONVICTION</u>	<u>ACQUITTAL</u>	<u>NOL PROS</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1963	257,453	19,082	23,460	11,899	311,892
1964	285,356	19,446	24,372	9,937	339,111
1965	295,769	19,704	25,797	9,865	351,135

* Exclusive of Domestic Relations, Juvenile and Justice of the Peace Courts.

IN THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURTS

	<u>CONVICTION</u>	<u>ACQUITTAL</u>	<u>NOL PROS</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1963	4,844	1,464	1,045	312	7,662
1964	5,456	1,384	1,418	148	8,406
1965	5,362	1,614	1,398	147	8,521

IN THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

7/1/63 - 6/30/64	-	138,763
7/1/64 - 6/30/65	-	135,231
7/1/65 - 6/30/66	-	132,294

TABLE A

CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

July 1, 1965 - June 30, 1966

	PENDING 7/1/65	FILED	JURY	DISPOSED OF JUDGE	OTHER	TOT.	PENDING 6/30/66	GAIN OR LOSS
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>								
Camden	21	18	1	6	12	19	20	- 1
Chowan	49	64	4	9	54	67	46	- 3
Currituck	19	23	3	10	5	18	24	+ 5
Dare	37	25	6	8	15	29	33	- 4
Gates	25	31	3	7	18	28	28	+ 3
Pasquotank	52	49	12	6	34	52	49	- 3
Perquimans	55	37	6	5	24	35	57	+ 2
Total	258	247	35	51	162	248	257	- 1
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>								
Beaufort	326	238	41	79	60	180	384	+58
Hyde	12	18	0	3	8	11	19	+ 7
Martin	170	199	37	28	129	194	175	+ 5
Washington	45	61	9	11	23	43	63	+18
Tyrrell	20	14	4	10	1	15	19	- 1
Total	573	530	91	131	221	443	660	+87
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>								
Carteret	506	370	27	105	155	287	589	+83
Craven	628	167	30	72	43	145	650	+22
Pitt	267	330	44	135	101	280	317	+50
Pamlico	51	36	1	8	22	31	56	+ 5
Total	1,452	903	102	320	321	743	1,612	+160
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>								
Duplin	305	263	17	54	139	210	358	+53
Jones	78	58	4	15	31	50	86	+ 8
Onslow	302	398	23	75	174	272	428	+126
Sampson	491	198	18	7	329	354	335	-156
Total	1,176	917	62	151	673	886	1,207	+31
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>								
New Hanover	654	656	138	421	161	720	590	-64
Pender	236	103	2	1	78	81	258	+22
Total	890	759	140	422	239	801	848	-42

TABLE A CONT'D

	PENDING 7/1/65	FILED	JURY	DISPOSED OF JUDGE	OTHER	TOT.	PENDING 6/30/66	GAIN OR LOSS
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>								
Bertie	33	37	8	3	17	28	42	+ 9
Halifax	148	122	27	73	33	133	137	-11
Hertford	110	66	9	13	16	38	138	+28
Northampton	57	90	10	39	32	81	66	+ 9
Total	348	315	54	128	98	280	383	+35
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>								
Edgecombe	68	69	24	16	26	66	71	+ 3
Nash	142	271	15	26	165	206	207	+65
Wilson	296	94	30	39	30	99	291	- 5
Total	506	434	69	81	221	371	569	+63
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>								
Greene	72	51	7	3	46	56	67	- 5
Lenoir	408	221	52	75	87	214	415	+ 7
Wayne	755	334	73	218	97	388	701	-54
Total	1,235	606	132	296	230	658	1,183	-52
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>								
Franklin	32	134	14	16	77	107	59	+27
Granville	93	107	21	36	31	88	112	+19
Person	144	76	5	9	5	19	201	+57
Vance	130	233	21	58	133	212	151	+21
Warren	96	33	2	2	26	30	99	+ 3
Total	495	583	63	121	272	456	622	+127
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>								
Wake	2,027	2,010	690	484	983	2,157	1,880	-147
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>								
Harnett	283	240	43	2	172	217	306	+23
Johnston	331	157	20	30	195	245	243	-88
Total	614	397	63	32	367	462	549	-65
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>								
Cumberland	1,431	2,043	131	1,198	977	2,306	1,168	-263
Hoke	150	82	8	13	55	76	156	+ 6
Total	1,581	2,125	139	1,211	1,032	2,382	1,324	-257

TABLE A CONT'D

	PENDING 7/1/65	FILED	JURY	DISPOSED OF JUDGE	OTHER	TOT.	PENDING 6/30/66	GAIN OR LOSS
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>								
Bladen	261	174	37	42	93	172	263	+ 2
Brunswick	312	162	29	57	45	131	343	+31
Columbus	727	556	61	135	201	397	886	+159
Total	1,300	892	127	234	339	700	1,492	+192
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>								
Durham	853	563	57	94	433	584	832	-21
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>								
Alamance	232	453	38	90	301	429	256	+24
Chatham	197	168	21	48	59	128	237	+40
Orange	63	221	29	96	88	213	71	+ 8
Total	492	842	88	234	448	770	564	+72
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>								
Robeson	134	426	82	144	258	484	76	-58
Scotland	162	183	23	81	85	189	156	- 6
Total	296	609	105	225	343	673	232	-64
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>								
Caswell	38	46	1	10	37	48	36	- 2
Rockingham	424	509	62	269	109	440	493	+69
Stokes	25	25	0	0	19	19	31	+ 6
Surry	271	158	2	37	104	143	286	+15
Total	758	738	65	316	269	650	846	+88
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>								
Guilford								
Greensboro	1,179	1,319	197	597	416	1,210	1,288	+109
High Point	298	272	54	22	135	211	359	+61
Total	1,477	1,591	251	619	551	1,421	1,647	+170
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>								
Cabarrus	417	987	60	329	410	799	605	+188
Montgomery	48	64	0	36	13	49	63	+15
Randolph	350	283	41	31	105	177	456	+106
Rowan	130	575	43	154	139	336	369	+239
Total	945	1,909	144	550	667	1,361	1,493	+548

TABLE A CONT'D

	PENDING 7/1/65	FILED	JURY	DISPOSED OF		TOT.	PENDING 6/30/66	GAIN OR LOSS
				JUDGE	OTHER			
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>								
Anson	181	161	19	42	56	117	225	+44
Richmond	273	478	51	66	169	286	465	+192
Stanly	92	34	9	0	27	36	90	- 2
Union	52	67	21	8	35	64	55	+ 3
Total	598	740	100	116	287	503	835	+237
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>								
Forsyth	866	1,735	159	750	867	1,776	825	-41
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>								
Alexander	39	55	4	26	32	62	32	- 7
Davidson	645	727	157	192	215	564	808	+163
Davie	31	140	10	54	58	122	49	+18
Iredell	190	261	30	161	100	291	160	-30
Total	905	1,183	201	433	405	1,039	1,049	+144
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>								
Alleghany	33	41	5	2	34	41	33	0
Ashe	49	66	5	20	40	65	50	+ 1
Wilkes	258	195	47	45	91	183	270	+12
Yadkin	85	113	9	40	49	98	100	+15
Total	425	415	66	107	214	387	453	+28
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>								
Madison	41	64	11	10	45	66	39	- 2
Mitchell	39	60	4	31	10	45	54	+15
Watauga	14	63	5	19	30	54	23	+ 9
Yancey	111	37	3	24	22	49	99	-12
Total	205	224	23	84	107	214	215	+10
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>								
Burke	279	405	63	323	123	509	175	-104
Caldwell	117	329	40	224	106	370	76	-41
Total	396	734	103	547	229	879	251	-145
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>								
Mecklenburg	2,668	4,486	714	900	2,892	4,506	2,648	-20
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>								
Cleveland	293	392	74	206	131	411	274	-19
Gaston	939	1,259	116	830	305	1,251	947	+ 8
Lincoln	78	193	7	81	77	165	106	+28
Total	1,310	1,844	197	1,117	513	1,827	1,327	+17

TABLE A CONT'D

	PENDING <u>7/1/65</u>	<u>FILED</u>	<u>JURY</u>	DISPOSED OF		<u>TOT.</u>	PENDING <u>6/30/66</u>	GAIN OR <u>LOSS</u>
				JUDGE	OTHER			
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>								
Buncombe	523	502	73	199	159	431	594	+71
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>								
McDowell	78	195	26	85	22	133	140	+62
Polk	18	11	0	5	2	7	22	+ 4
Rutherford	61	236	45	116	81	242	55	- 6
Transylvania	36	45	8	29	9	46	35	- 1
Total	193	487	79	235	114	428	252	+59
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>								
Cherokee	25	42	6	3	40	49	18	- 7
Clay	5	7	0	6	0	6	6	+ 1
Graham	17	45	2	4	8	14	48	+31
Haywood	171	309	30	151	110	291	189	+18
Jackson	114	92	18	14	35	67	139	+25
Macon	54	60	9	18	23	50	64	+10
Swain	49	69	4	16	24	44	74	+25
Total	435	624	69	212	240	521	538	+103
GRAND TOTAL	25,800	29,944	4,261	10,400	13,896	28,557	27,187	+1,387

NOTE: Five counties are missing from Tables A, C and D. The Clerks in these counties failed to furnish necessary data.

TABLE B

UTILIZATION OF CIVIL COURT TERMS
BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

July 1, 1965 - June 30, 1966

	<u>DAYS SCHEDULED</u>	<u>DAYS HELD</u>	<u>DAYS UNUSED</u>
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>			
Camden	7	3	4
Chowan	9	3 1/2	5 1/2
Currituck	11	6 1/2	4 1/2
Dare	12	10	2
Gates	6	5	1
Pasquotank	38	32	6
Perquimans	11	4	7
Total	94	64	30
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>			
Beaufort	45	31 1/2	13 1/2
Hyde	4	2 1/2	1 1/2
Martin	29	13 5/6	15 1/6
Tyrrell	14 1/2	7	7 1/2
Washington	6	2 1/2	3 1/2
Total	98 1/2	57 1/3	41 1/6
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>			
Carteret	50	38	12
Craven	56	40 1/2	15 1/2
Pamlico	7	5	2
Pitt	39	28 1/2	10 1/2
Total	152	112	40
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>			
Duplin	40	23	17
Jones	14	8	6
Onslow	52	35	17
Sampson	55	34	21
Total	161	100	61
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>			
New Hanover	135	123	12
Pender	28	17 1/2	10 1/2
Total	163	140 1/2	22 1/2

TABLE B CONT'D

	<u>DAYS SCHEDULED</u>	<u>DAYS HELD</u>	<u>DAYS UNUSED</u>
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>			
Bertie	16	9 1/2	6 1/2
Halifax	50	42 1/2	7 1/2
Hertford	12 1/2	10	2 1/2
Northampton	17	15 1/2	1 1/2
Total	95 1/2	77 1/2	18
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>			
Edgecombe	30	23 1/2	6 1/2
Nash	65	54	11
Wilson	55	48	7
Total	150	125 1/2	24 1/2
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>			
Greene	14 1/2	10	4 1/2
Lenoir	75	61 1/2	13 1/2
Wayne	69	58	11
Total	158 1/2	129 1/2	29
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>			
Franklin	25	21	4
Granville	21	14	7
Person	43	26 1/2	16 1/2
Vance	20	18 1/2	1 1/2
Warren	10	5	5
Total	119	85	34
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>			
Wake	292	262	30
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>			
Harnett	100	83	17
Lee	43	40	3
Johnston	85	65	20
Total	228	188	40
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>			
Cumberland	180	128	52
Hoke	10 1/2	7	3 1/2
Total	190 1/2	135	55 1/2

TABLE B CONT'D

	<u>DAYS SCHEDULED</u>	<u>DAYS HELD</u>	<u>DAYS UNUSED</u>
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>			
Bladen	17	15 1/2	1 1/2
Brunswick	50	45	5
Columbus	65	55	10
Total	132	115 1/2	16 1/2
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>			
Durham	162	133	29
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>			
Alamance	75	56 1/2	18 1/2
Chatham	30	15	15
Orange	50	40	10
Total	155	111 1/2	43 1/2
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>			
Robeson	85	59 1/2	25 1/2
Scotland	30	19	11
Total	115	78 1/2	36 1/2
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>			
Caswell	10	3	7
Rockingham	70	53	17
Stokes	5	1	4
Surry	50	30 1/2	19 1/2
Total	135	87 1/2	47 1/2
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>			
Guilford	373	272	101
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>			
Cabarrus	57	40	17
Montgomery	5	1	4
Randolph	115	97	18
Rowan	36	31	5
Total	213	169	44
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>			
Anson	30	21	9
Moore	20	16	4
Richmond	55	39	16
Stanly	15	8 1/2	6 1/2
Union	29	27 1/2	1 1/2
Total	149	112	37

TABLE B CONT'D

	<u>DAYS SCHEDULED</u>	<u>DAYS HELD</u>	<u>DAYS UNUSED</u>
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>			
Forsyth	260	231	29
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>			
Alexander	10	7	3
Davidson	90	86	4
Davie	17	11 1/2	5 1/2
Iredell	35	27 1/2	7 1/2
Total	152	132	20
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>			
Alleghany	12	6	6
Ashe	10	4	6
Wilkes	70	52	18
Yadkin	17	15	2
Total	109	77	32
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>			
Avery	15	9 1/2	5 1/2
Madison	35	30	5
Mitchell	20	11	9
Watauga	10	6	4
Yancey	15	12	3
Total	95	68 1/2	26 1/2
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>			
Burke	55	52	3
Caldwell	43	31 1/2	11 1/2
Catawba	42	36	6
Total	140	119 1/2	20 1/2
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>			
Mecklenburg	632	531	101
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>			
Cleveland	30 1/2	28 1/2	2
Gaston	185	154	31
Lincoln	19	16	3
Total	234 1/2	198 1/2	36
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>			
Buncombe	245	227	18

TABLE B CONT'D

DAYS SCHEDULED

DAYS HELD

DAYS UNUSED

29TH DISTRICT

Henderson	20	13	7
McDowell	20	18	2
Polk	5 1/2	4 1/2	1
Rutherford	30	27	3
Transylvania	13	13 1/2	- 1/2
Total	88 1/2	76	12 1/2

30TH DISTRICT

Cherokee	16	7 1/2	8 1/2
Clay	4	1	3
Haywood	40	33	7
Graham	9	7	2
Jackson	6 1/2	3	3 1/2
Macon	7 1/2	5 1/2	2
Swain	4	1 1/2	2 1/2
Total	87	58 1/2	28 1/2

GRAND TOTAL

5,379

4,274 1/3

1,104 2/3

TABLE C

AGES OF CASES PENDING ON CIVIL ISSUE DOCKETS

June 30, 1966

	<u>UNDER 6</u> <u>MONTHS</u>	<u>6 TO 12</u> <u>MONTHS</u>	<u>1 TO 2</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>OVER 2</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>					
Camden	7	3	3	7	20
Chowan	16	4	9	17	46
Currituck	5	8	2	4	19
Dare	4	4	11	14	33
Gates	10	7	5	6	28
Pasquotank	10	10	7	22	49
Perquimans	12	7	8	30	57
Total	64	43	45	100	252
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>					
Beaufort	67	98	28	191	384
Hyde	2	3	4	5	14
Martin	45	31	22	77	175
Tyrrell	5	4	5	5	19
Washington	15	8	12	18	53
Total	134	144	71	296	645
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>					
Carteret	127	54	77	331	589
Craven	75	50	150	375	650
Pamlico	14	9	12	21	56
Pitt	73	50	56	138	317
Total	289	163	295	865	1,612
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>					
Duplin	61	51	71	175	358
Jones	24	5	14	43	86
Onslow	295	64	44	236	639
Sampson	85	80	55	115	335
Total	465	200	184	569	1,418
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>					
New Hanover	141	149	148	152	590

TABLE C CONT'D

	<u>UNDER 6</u> <u>MONTHS</u>	<u>6 TO 12</u> <u>MONTHS</u>	<u>1 TO 2</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>OVER 2</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>					
Bertie	2	2	20	18	42
Halifax	26	21	26	64	137
Hertford	26	21	41	50	138
Northampton	17	9	3	37	66
Total	71	53	90	169	383
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>					
Edgecombe	32	21	12	6	71
Nash	39	42	35	76	192
Wilson	25	60	39	167	291
Total	96	123	86	249	554
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>					
Greene	3	4	13	48	68
Lenoir	88	143	68	116	415
Wayne	41	184	130	346	701
Total	132	331	211	510	1,184
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>					
Franklin	5	20	21	13	59
Granville	55	22	18	17	112
Warren	7	6	31	55	99
Total	67	48	70	85	270
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>					
Wake	635	452	485	308	1,880
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>					
Harnett	58	47	55	148	308
Johnston	62	51	70	60	243
Total	120	98	125	208	551
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>					
Cumberland	545	272	565	502	1,884
Hoke	38	57	32	45	172
Total	583	329	597	547	2,056

TABLE C CONT'D

	<u>UNDER 6</u> <u>MONTHS</u>	<u>6 TO 12</u> <u>MONTHS</u>	<u>1 TO 2</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>OVER 2</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>					
Bladen	100	80	53	10	243
Brunswick	76	67	108	92	343
Columbus	230	152	220	284	886
Total	406	299	381	386	1,472
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>					
Durham	220	145	230	237	832
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>					
Alamance	159	42	28	27	256
Chatham	39	38	40	120	237
Orange	9	12	27	23	71
Total	207	92	95	170	564
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>					
Scotland	76	38	16	26	156
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>					
Caswell	6	20	10	0	36
Rockingham	153	77	106	157	493
Stokes	5	13	8	5	31
Surry	72	31	38	145	286
Total	236	141	162	307	846
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>					
<u>Guilford</u>					
Greensboro	505	197	235	351	1,288
High Point	120	73	103	63	359
Total	625	270	338	414	1,647
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>					
Cabarrus	287	130	111	77	605
Randolph	67	189	70	130	456
Rowan	117	82	82	88	369
Total	471	401	263	295	1,430

TABLE C CONT'D

	<u>UNDER 6 MONTHS</u>	<u>6 TO 12 MONTHS</u>	<u>1 TO 2 YEARS</u>	<u>OVER 2 YEARS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>					
Anson	27	33	137	28	225
Richmond	110	69	75	211	465
Stanly	9	17	15	49	90
Union	15	10	10	16	51
Total	161	129	237	304	831
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>					
Forsyth	208	185	244	188	825
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>					
Alexander	17	15	0	0	32
Davidson	190	160	209	249	808
Davie	14	11	17	7	49
Iredell	43	42	28	47	160
Total	264	228	254	303	1,049
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>					
Alleghany	8	11	13	1	33
Ashe	27	3	2	18	50
Wilkes	53	24	26	16	119
Yadkin	20	23	21	36	100
Total	108	61	62	71	302
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>					
Madison	13	8	11	7	39
Mitchell	13	18	5	18	54
Watauga	17	4	2	0	23
Yancey	26	16	57	0	99
Total	169	46	75	25	215
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>					
Burke	119	33	20	3	175
Caldwell	96	26	20	3	145
Total	215	59	40	6	320
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>					
Mecklenburg	1,492	564	354	238	2,648

TABLE C CONT'D

	<u>UNDER 6 MONTHS</u>	<u>6 TO 12 MONTHS</u>	<u>1 TO 2 YEARS</u>	<u>OVER 2 YEARS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>					
Cleveland	128	63	57	26	274
Gaston	377	199	130	224	930
Lincoln	51	33	12	10	106
Total	556	295	199	260	1,310
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>					
Buncombe	221	131	149	92	593
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>					
McDowell	48	44	32	16	140
Rutherford	23	17	6	9	55
Total	71	61	38	25	195
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>					
Clay	4	2	0	0	6
Graham	19	11	7	21	58
Haywood	81	58	30	20	189
Jackson	26	25	33	55	139
Macon	16	6	17	25	64
Swain	15	16	14	29	74
Total	161	118	101	150	530
GRAND TOTAL	8,564	5,396	5,645	7,555	27,160

TABLE D

CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
BY SOLICITORIAL DISTRICTS

July 1, 1965 - June 30, 1966

	PENDING <u>7/1/65</u>	<u>FILED</u>	<u>JURY</u>	DISPOSED OF		<u>TOT.</u>	PENDING <u>6/30/66</u>	GAIN OR <u>LOSS</u>
				JUDGE	OTHER			
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>								
Currituck	12	39	3	20	2	25	26	+14
Camden	17	24	10	16	5	31	10	- 7
Pasquotank	227	125	19	79	40	138	214	-13
Gates	5	39	4	22	3	29	15	+10
Perquimans	15	61	3	17	6	26	50	+35
Chowan	23	72	7	32	21	60	35	+12
Dare	33	36	7	12	18	37	32	- 1
Beaufort	37	255	28	146	34	208	84	+47
Hyde	8	10	1	3	12	16	2	- 6
Tyrrell	12	20	3	18	4	25	7	- 5
Total	389	681	85	365	145	595	475	+86
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>								
Edgecombe	126	338	58	208	66	332	132	+ 6
Nash	164	447	38	329	160	527	84	-80
Wilson	72	674	40	504	108	652	94	+22
Martin	87	135	12	58	146	216	6	-81
Washington	5	30	6	9	17	32	3	- 2
Total	454	1,624	154	1,108	497	1,759	319	-135
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>								
Bertie	16	91	7	89	0	96	11	- 5
Halifax	77	186	25	151	54	230	33	-44
Hertford	49	117	16	61	34	111	55	+ 6
Northampton	38	59	6	38	10	54	43	+ 5
Vance	40	259	19	150	92	261	38	- 2
Warren	35	50	6	46	11	63	22	-13
Granville	31	196	10	92	91	193	34	+ 3
Total	286	958	89	627	292	1,008	236	-50
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>								
Harnett	85	140	20	55	72	147	78	- 7
Johnston	46	311	24	144	123	291	66	+20
Wayne	124	352	44	256	122	422	54	-70
Total	255	803	88	455	317	860	198	-57

TABLE D CONT'D

<u>PENDING</u> <u>7/1/65</u>	<u>FILED</u>	<u>JURY</u>	<u>DISPOSED OF</u>		<u>TOT.</u>	<u>PENDING</u> <u>6/30/66</u>	<u>GAIN OR</u> <u>LOSS</u>
			<u>JUDGE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>			

5TH DISTRICT

Carteret	70	170	19	50	78	147	93	+23
Craven	163	412	55	285	64	404	171	+ 8
Pitt	83	484	61	232	111	404	163	+80
Greene	28	88	16	53	22	91	25	- 3
Jones	33	52	2	25	23	50	35	+ 2
Pamlico	16	23	10	14	7	31	8	- 8
Total	393	1,229	163	659	305	1,127	495	+102

6TH DISTRICT

Duplin	38	137	27	76	36	139	36	- 2
Onslow	99	308	38	162	82	282	125	+26
Lenoir	83	362	105	127	124	356	89	+ 6
Sampson	63	272	50	127	76	253	82	+19
Total	283	1,079	220	492	318	1,030	332	+49

7TH DISTRICT

Wake	716	1,062	241	504	452	1,197	581	-135
Franklin	64	89	7	36	25	68	85	+21
Total	780	1,151	248	540	477	1,265	666	-114

8TH DISTRICT

Brunswick	15	58	7	16	2	25	48	+33
Columbus	18	258	29	206	22	257	19	+ 1
New Hanover	25	1,230	49	1,176	0	1,225	30	+ 5
Pender	31	70	16	40	35	91	10	-21
Total	89	1,616	101	1,438	59	1,598	107	+18

9TH DISTRICT

Cumberland	229	1,139	209	487	325	1,021	347	+118
Hoke	32	118	14	43	31	88	62	+30
Total	261	1,257	223	530	356	1,109	409	+148

9TH A DISTRICT

Bladen	14	164	94	27	14	135	43	+29
Robeson	137	534	101	277	126	504	167	+30
Total	151	698	195	304	140	639	210	+59

10TH DISTRICT

Durham	403	1,433	138	894	406	1,438	398	- 5
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TABLE D CONT'D

	PENDING 7/1/65	FILED	JURY	DISPOSED OF JUDGE	OTHER	TOT	PENDING 6/30/66	GAIN OR LOSS
<u>10TH A DISTRICT</u>								
Alamance	144	525	106	422	76	604	65	-79
Chatham	74	229	49	106	53	208	95	+21
Person	46	54	10	50	24	84	16	-30
Orange	138	311	39	133	100	272	177	+39
Total	402	1,119	204	711	253	1,168	353	-49
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>								
Alleghany	36	190	7	172	14	193	33	- 3
Ashe	106	276	7	242	54	303	79	-27
Forsyth	346	1,578	121	1,006	369	1,496	428	+82
Total	488	2,044	135	1,420	437	1,992	540	+52
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>								
Davidson	270	506	65	210	165	440	336	+66
Guilford								
Greensboro	372	1,289	197	647	500	1,344	317	-55
High Point	225	583	43	280	142	465	343	+118
Total	867	2,378	305	1,137	807	2,249	996	+129
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>								
Anson	26	88	9	46	25	80	34	+ 8
Richmond	60	305	32	159	75	266	99	+39
Stanly	88	175	8	164	13	185	78	-10
Union	55	155	18	52	122	192	18	-37
Scotland	21	203	22	0	139	161	63	+42
Total	250	926	89	421	374	884	292	+42
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>								
Gaston	177	1,013	127	413	242	782	408	+231
<u>14TH A DISTRICT</u>								
Mecklenburg	637	2,489	287	1,807	632	2,726	400	-237
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>								
Rowan	76	464	48	202	227	477	63	-13
Cabarrus	74	470	43	248	116	407	137	+63
Randolph	75	227	10	59	140	209	93	+18
Montgomery	30	125	7	86	7	100	55	+25
Alexander	23	51	1	46	0	47	27	+ 4
Iredell	92	550	43	326	176	545	97	+ 5
Total	370	1,887	152	967	666	1,785	472	+102

TABLE D CONT'D

	PENDING 7/1/65	FILED	JURY	DISPOSED OF		TOT.	PENDING 6/30/66	GAIN OR LOSS
				JUDGE	OTHER			
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>								
Burke	104	140	50	71	69	190	54	-50
Caldwell	75	518	81	235	94	410	183	+108
Cleveland	91	392	14	205	86	305	178	+87
Lincoln	28	53	6	44	10	60	21	- 7
Watauga	231	557	15	668	6	689	99	-132
Total	529	1,660	166	1,223	265	1,654	535	+ 6
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>								
Mitchell	101	117	6	38	103	147	71	-30
Wilkes	31	185	29	78	54	161	55	+24
Davie	34	60	7	17	34	58	36	+ 2
Yadkin	15	64	7	36	7	50	29	+14
Total	181	426	49	169	198	416	191	+10
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>								
McDowell	80	270	55	114	108	277	73	- 7
Rutherford	32	257	24	129	56	209	80	+48
Polk	51	153	9	54	6	69	135	+84
Yancey	50	79	1	19	37	57	72	+22
Transylvania	26	34	5	24	9	38	22	- 4
Total	239	793	94	340	216	650	382	+143
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>								
Buncombe	364	1,140	136	620	174	930	574	+210
Madison	122	172	6	66	123	195	99	-23
Total	486	1,312	142	686	297	1,125	673	+187
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>								
Clay	44	120	8	135	0	143	21	-23
Cherokee	30	31	11	21	0	32	29	- 1
Graham	34	237	2	179	48	229	42	+ 8
Haywood	159	296	38	199	28	265	190	+31
Jackson	46	625	6	151	417	574	97	+51
Macon	125	429	7	339	76	422	132	+ 7
Swain	39	196	9	118	74	201	34	- 5
Total	477	1,934	81	1,142	643	1,866	545	+68
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>								
Caswell	22	99	1	56	7	64	57	+35
Rockingham	206	473	8	446	136	590	89	-117
Stokes	29	91	0	35	74	109	11	-18
Surry	62	460	20	287	146	453	69	+ 7
Total	319	1,123	29	824	363	1,216	226	-93
GRAND TOTAL	9,166	31,633	3,564	18,672	8,705	30,941	9,858	+692

TABLE E

UTILIZATION OF CRIMINAL COURT TERMS

BY SOLICITORIAL DISTRICTS

July 1, 1965 - June 30, 1966

	<u>DAYS SCHEDULED</u>	<u>DAYS HELD</u>	<u>DAYS UNUSED</u>
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>			
Currituck	9	6 1/2	2 1/2
Camden	8	6	2
Pasquotank	22	18	4
Gates	9	6	3
Perquimans	9	6 1/2	2 1/2
Chowan	11	9	2
Dare	8	8	
Tyrrell	5 1/2	4	1 1/2
Hyde	6	4	2
Beaufort	30	24 1/2	5 1/2
Total	117 1/2	92 1/2	25
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>			
Edgecombe	35	31	4
Nash	50	42	8
Wilson	59	52	7
Martin	16	10 2/3	5 1/3
Washington	14	7 1/2	6 1/2
Total	174	143 1/6	30 5/6
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>			
Bertie	19	12 1/2	6 1/2
Halifax	30	23 1/2	6 1/2
Hertford	17 1/2	14 1/2	3
Northampton	13	11	2
Vance	25	18 1/2	6 1/2
Warren	15	12	3
Granville	19	17 1/2	1 1/2
Total	138 1/2	109 1/2	29

TABLE E CONT'D

	<u>DAYS SCHEDULED</u>	<u>DAYS HELD</u>	<u>DAYS UNUSED</u>
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>			
Harnett	40	31	9
Johnston	40	30	10
Lee	27	18	9
Wayne	51	48	3
Total	158	127	31
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>			
Carteret	15	11	4
Craven	44	35 1/2	8 1/2
Pamlico	13	8	5
Pitt	61	41 1/2	19 1/2
Greene	43 1/2	8	5 1/2
Jones	11	3 1/2	7 1/2
Total	157 1/2	107 1/2	50
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>			
Duplin	25	15 1/2	9 1/2
Onslow	28	21 1/2	6 1/2
Lenoir	50	45	5
Sampson	25	22 1/2	2 1/2
Total	128	104 1/2	23 1/2
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>			
Wake	245	240 1/2	4 1/2
Franklin	15	13	2
Total	260	253 1/2	6 1/2
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>			
Brunswick	10	8 1/2	1 1/2
Columbus	45	36	9
New Hanover	90	80	10
Pender	12	9 1/2	2 1/2
Total	157	134	23
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>			
Cumberland	150	140 1/2	9 1/2
Hoke	14 1/2	13	1 1/2
Total	164 1/2	153 1/2	11

TABLE E CONT'D

	<u>DAYS SCHEDULED</u>	<u>DAYS HELD</u>	<u>DAYS UNUSED</u>
<u>9TH A DISTRICT</u>			
Bladen	18	16 1/2	1 1/2
Robeson	90	81 1/2	8 1/2
Total	108	98	10
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>			
Durham	175	159	16
<u>10TH A DISTRICT</u>			
Alamance	55	56 1/2	-1 1/2
Chatham	25	23	2
Person	16	12 1/2	3 1/2
Orange	29	28 1/2	1/2
Total	125	120 1/2	4 1/2
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>			
Alleghany	8	6 1/2	1 1/2
Ashe	15	10	5
Forsyth	170	158	12
Total	193	174 1/2	18 1/2
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>			
Davidson	45	41 1/2	3 1/2
Guilford	272	218	54
Total	317	259 1/2	57 1/2
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>			
Anson	15	8	7
Moore	15	12	3
Richmond	25	21	4
Stanly	15	12 1/2	2 1/2
Union	20	18	2
Scotland	20	17	3
Total	110	88 1/2	21 1/2
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>			
Gaston	100	92	8
<u>14TH A DISTRICT</u>			
Mecklenburg	273	259	14

TABLE E CONT'D

	<u>DAYS SCHEDULED</u>	<u>DAYS HELD</u>	<u>DAYS UNUSED</u>
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>			
Rowan	39	35	4
Cabarrus	32	30	3
Randolph	15	8 1/2	6 1/2
Montgomery	25	8	17
Alexander	5	3	2
Iredell	35	28 1/2	6 1/2
Total	152	113	39

16TH DISTRICT

Burke	30	29	1
Caldwell	32	28 1/2	3 1/2
Cleveland	29 1/2	29 1/2	0
Lincoln	16	10	6
Watauga	15	12	3
Catawba	53	47	6
Total	175 1/2	156	19 1/2

17TH DISTRICT

Avery	15	10 1/2	4 1/2
Mitchell	10	6	4
Wilkes	30	21	9
Yadkin	13	9 1/2	3 1/2
Davie	13	9	4
Total	81	56	25

18TH DISTRICT

Yancey	15	12 1/2	2 1/2
McDowell	35	29	6
Rutherford	30	30	0
Polk	19 1/2	15 1/2	4
Henderson	20	16	4
Transylvania	7	6	1
Total	126 1/2	109	17 1/2

19TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	115	104	11
Madison	20	13	7
Total	135	117	18

TABLE E CONT'D

	<u>DAYS SCHEDULED</u>	<u>DAYS HELD</u>	<u>DAYS UNUSED</u>
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>			
Cherokee	14	12	2
Clay	6	4	2
Graham	6	6	0
Haywood	30	28	2
Jackson	28 1/2	25 1/2	3
Macon	17 1/2	14 1/2	3
Swain	12	9 1/2	2 1/2
Total	114	99 1/2	14 1/2
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>			
Caswell	10	5 3/4	4 1/4
Rockingham	50	33 1/2	16 1/2
Stokes	20	8	12
Surry	40	22	18
Total	120	69 1/4	50 3/4
GRAND TOTAL	3,760	3,195 11/12	564 1/12

TABLE F
 CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURT
 BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS
DECEMBER 31, 1966

	<u>CIVIL</u>	<u>CRIMINAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>			
Camden	2	13	15
Chowan	3	40	43
Currituck	0	12	12
Dare	1	33	34
Gates	0	31	31
Pasquotank	11	42	53
Perquimans	1	39	40
Total	18	210	228
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>			
Cumberland	735	1,911	2,646
Hoke	73	46	119
Total	808	1,957	2,765
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>			
Durham	1,561	103	1,664
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>			
Robeson	46	567	613
Scotland	6	186	192
Total	52	753	805
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>			
Burke	17	133	150
Caldwell	21	247	268
Catawba	46	172	218
Total	84	552	636
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>			
Cherokee	0	58	58
Clay	0	35	35
Graham	2	36	38
Haywood	13	24	37
Jackson	5	12	17
Macon	7	104	111
Swain	1	73	74
Total	28	342	370
GRAND TOTAL	2,551	3,917	6,468



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